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FROM:	Chairman, Information Handling Committee	25X1
SUBJECT:	Response to Don Latham's Memorandum on SAFEGUARDS	
been conducting background and concerning his paragraph is ra- extend an olive and to avoid hi over COMPUSEC r	d response, for your consideration, reflects liaison we have with Don Latham's staff over the past month to determine the intent underlying his memo, particularly since the statement understanding of the purpose of SAFEGUARDS in the second dically in error. We are assured that the memo is intended to branch in reaction to your 5 July memo (reference attached) is being caught again between the DCI and NSA in controversy esponsibilities and procedures. This is consistent with my his responses to NSA proposals at the NTISSC retreat several	
engagement for to keep it lean standard" goal C <sup>3</sup> I staff agree	also been working with Don Latham's staff on the rules of the working group he proposes to establish. Our objective is and modestly focused, ergo the reaction to the "national I have included in your proposed response. On that score, the that we should concentrate on developing commonality between , rather than try to encompass the full scope of NTISSC	25X1
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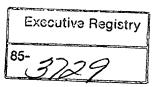
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## SECRET The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Honorable Donald C. Latham

Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, and Communications

Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Implementation of Computer Security Measures

- l. Thank you for your memorandum concerning the SAFEGUARDS Supplement to DCID 1/16. Your cooperation in helping to improve the near-term security of DoD owned "critical systems" will be of great value and is appreciated. We, too, are counting on the Computer Security Evaluation Center for the expert assistance necessary to long-term COMPUSEC solutions.
- 2. I agree to the formation of a working group for the purpose of resolving or at least reducing the differences, many of which are non-substantive, among our respective computer security guidelines. Our efforts to improve computer security will clearly benefit to the extent we can act in concert. I am, however, dubious about the prospect of implementing a "national standard" within an acceptable period of time, given the complexity of the issues and the number of agencies involved. Rather, I would opt for incremental COMPUSEC improvements that could be introduced earlier.

/S/ John No. McMahon

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